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Summit County to Unveil Tribute to Veterans this Memorial Day

Coalville – This Memorial Day, Summit County will be formally honoring its Veterans by unveiling a monument on county grounds. Almost a year in the making, Summit County Historian NaVee Vernon wanted to provide a proper memorial to honor county veterans. With the help of a local artist Eric Blonquist, Moore’s Towing, Geary Construction, Kasey Comer, Gordon Wilde, Tracy Chapman, and Sam Wright, her vision came to a realization.

The veterans' monument will be unveiled on Monday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m. and will be located on the front lawn of the County Courthouse. The program will commence with a reading of the Gettysburg Address followed by welcoming remarks from Summit County Council Member Kim Carson. After the unveiling, the program will conclude with a 21 Gun Salute and the playing of bag pipes.



Along with the monument, a display of memorabilia from various veterans who have fought and died in past wars will be on exhibit, all researched by local resident Thomas Toole. Vernon will also provide each Veteran a red, white and blue pin. Yellow ribbons will be provided for families of former and current service members. Vernon stated, “The County is thankful for all who have served our country and our heartfelt appreciation goes out to them all.” She added, “I wanted to provide a visual reminder that freedom is not free.”

All Summit County Veterans and families are encouraged to attend the event this Memorial Day beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Summit County Courthouse, 60 N. Main Street in Coalville. For more information, contact NaVee Vernon at 435-336-3015 or at nvernon@summitcounty.org.